

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-164

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL TAXPAYER,
PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TRANSPORTATION
PROTECTION ACT OF 2010

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WHEREAS, California voters have repeatedly and overwhelmingly passed separate ballot measures to stop State raids of local government funds and to dedicate the taxes on gasoline to fund local and state transportation improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, these local government funds are critical to provide the police and fire, emergency response, parks, libraries, and other vital local services that residents rely upon every day, and gas tax funds are vital to maintain and improve local streets and roads, to make road safety improvements, relieve traffic congestion, and provide mass transit; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that voters have repeatedly passed measures to prevent the State from taking these revenues dedicated to funding local government services and transportation improvement projects, the State Legislature has seized and borrowed billions of dollars in local government and transportation funds in the past few years; and

WHEREAS, this year's borrowing and raids of local government, redevelopment, and transit funds, as well as previous, ongoing raids of local government and transportation funds, have lead to severe consequences, such as layoffs of police, fire, and paramedic first responders, fire station closures, stalled economic development, healthcare cutbacks, delays in road safety improvements, public transit fare increases, and cutbacks in public transit services; and

WHEREAS, State politicians in Sacramento have continued to ignore the will of the voters, and current law provides no penalties when state politicians take or borrow these locally-dedicated funds; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of local government, transportation, and transit advocates recently filed a constitutional amendment with the California Attorney General, called the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, for potential placement on California's November 2010 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, approval of this ballot initiative would close loopholes and change the constitution to further prevent State politicians in Sacramento from seizing, diverting, shifting, borrowing, transferring, suspending, or otherwise taking or interfering with tax revenues dedicated to funding local government services, including redevelopment, or dedicated to transportation improvement projects and mass transit.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lodi formally endorses the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, a proposed constitutional amendment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the listing of the City of Lodi in support of the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 and instructs staff to fax a copy of this resolution to campaign offices at (916) 442-3510.

Date: November 18, 2009

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2009-164 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held November 18, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Johnson, Katzakian, Mounce,
and Mayor Hansen

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


JENNIFER M. ROBISON
Assistant City Clerk